

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An e-commerce system, comprising:

a database server to store information about a plurality of dealing companies, credit information for each of the plurality of dealing companies, and order restriction information of a plurality of tangible products;

a web server, coupled to the database server, and configured to operate a web site to receive on-line orders for an on-line sale of each of the plurality of tangible products, to acquire information about the respective tangible products and dealing companies and registering the acquired information to the database server, and to perform order control for order-generating dealing companies, when an order for a tangible product purchase is generated from the corresponding dealing companies; and

an order control server coupled to the database server and the web server, and configured to restrict prescribed orders for each of the dealing companies based on information about the respective dealing companies, wherein the information of the respective dealing companies used to restrict prescribed orders relates to past performances of the corresponding dealing companies, and wherein the order control server sequentially controls operations of

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determining whether or not there is the order for the tangible product purchase from one of the dealing companies,

determining whether or not the ordered tangible product belongs to a previously established error list in the database server, if it is determined that there is the order for the tangible product purchase,

temporarily suspending next operations and notifying the error to a user, if it is determined that the ordered tangible product belongs to the previously established error list,

determining whether or not the error is cured, and

confirming the order for the tangible product purchase, if the error is determined to be cured~~to obtain information about product order errors and to determine whether a product order error associated with a tangible product in a received order is correct, wherein the product order error is obtained from a previously established error list that specifically identifies bad dealing companies that have committed trading errors.~~

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the order control server further to restrict prescribed orders based on the order restriction information of the products in the database server, the order restriction information including at least one of amounts in stock by the respective models of sales products, sale or sale-suspension of the respective models of

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the sales products, out-of-production or production of the respective models of the sales products.

13-67. (Canceled)

68. (Currently Amended) An e-commerce system, comprising:

a database server storing information relating to product order errors;

a web server, ~~the web server~~ coupled to the database server and capable of receiving orders on-line from a plurality of dealing companies for tangible products and selecting and displaying only available tangible products of the tangible products in the received orders on an interface screen;

an information acquisition server, ~~the information acquisition server~~ coupled to the database server and configured to register acquired information on the plurality of dealing companies on the database server; and

an order control server, ~~the order control server that sequentially controls~~
operations of:

determining whether or not there is an order for the tangible product
purchase from one of the dealing companies,

determining whether or not the ordered tangible product belongs to a
previously established error list in the database server, if it is determined that there is an order
for the tangible product purchase,

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temporarily suspending next operations and notifying the error to a user, if
the ordered tangible product is determined to belong to the previously established error list,
determining whether or not the error is cured, and
confirming the order for the tangible product purchase, if the error is
determined to be cured~~obtaining information about the tangible products in the received orders~~
~~and any associated product order errors stored in the database server, the order control server~~
~~determining whether a product order error associated with a tangible product in the received~~
~~orders is correct and executing a selective order control in accordance with the determination,~~
~~wherein the product order errors are obtained by the order control server from a previously~~
~~established error list in the database server, and wherein the product order errors in the~~
~~previously established error list comprise dealing companies specifically listed as a bad trading~~
~~company based on past errors.~~

69-70. (Canceled)

71. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the order control server further to restrict prescribed orders based on the order restriction information of the products in the database server, the order restriction information of the tangible products relates to a minimum quantity of the available quantity of the corresponding tangible product.

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72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the information of the respective dealing companies used to restrict prescribed orders relates to order-restricted products associated with a distribution channel of the corresponding dealing company.

73. (Canceled)